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Abstract

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VM2-1 Data preparation

This document was prepared in Overleaf, as an Rtex file implementing knitr. Any output is generated by R during compilation, and can thus be replicated by entering the same commands referencing the same dataset. Overleaf's R version and selection and versions of packages are not under the user's control. This section demonstrates the R version and the list of packages used for calculations and output generation. <https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/psych/psych.pdf>

```
# Loading required libraries
library(foreign)
library(ggplot2)
library(dplyr)

##
## Attaching package: 'dplyr'
## The following objects are masked from 'package:stats':
##
##   filter, lag
## The following objects are masked from 'package:base':
##
##   intersect, setdiff, setequal, union

library(tidyr)
library("purrr")
library("tidyverse")

## Warning in system("timedatectl", intern = TRUE): running command
'timedatectl' had status 1
```

```

## - Attaching packages ----- tidyverse 1.3.1 -
## v tibble 3.1.3      v stringr 1.4.0
## v readr 2.0.0      v forcats 0.5.1
## - Conflicts ----- tidyverse_conflicts() -
## x dplyr::filter() masks stats::filter()
## x dplyr::lag()     masks stats::lag()

library("psych", verbose=TRUE)

##
## Attaching package: 'psych'
## The following objects are masked from 'package:ggplot2':
##
##   %+%, alpha

library("rmarkdown", verbose=TRUE)

library("viridis")

## Loading required package: viridisLite

library(viridisLite)

# R version
R.version

##
## platform      x86_64-pc-linux-gnu
## arch          x86_64
## os            linux-gnu
## system        x86_64, linux-gnu
## status
## major         3
## minor         6.3
## year          2020
## month         02
## day           29
## svn rev       77875
## language      R
## version.string R version 3.6.3 (2020-02-29)
## nickname      Holding the Windsock

# Loading data
fn='TRANSMISSION_GAME_STUDY2_DEIDENTIFIED.sav'
dataS=read.spss(file=fn)

```



```
## [45] ellipsis_0.3.2   generics_0.1.0   vctrs_0.3.8     tools_3.6.3
## [49] glue_1.4.2       hms_1.1.0       parallel_3.6.3  colorspace_2.0-2
## [53] rvest_1.0.1      haven_2.4.1
```

VM2-2 Distribution of single-item measures in Study 1

VM2-2.1 Demographics 1

VM2-2.1.1 Gender

```
ggplot(df, aes(x=demo01Gender))+
  geom_bar(aes(y = ..count..), stat="count")+
  geom_text(aes( label = (..count..),
                y= ..count.. ), stat= "count", vjust = -0.25)+
  coord_flip()
```

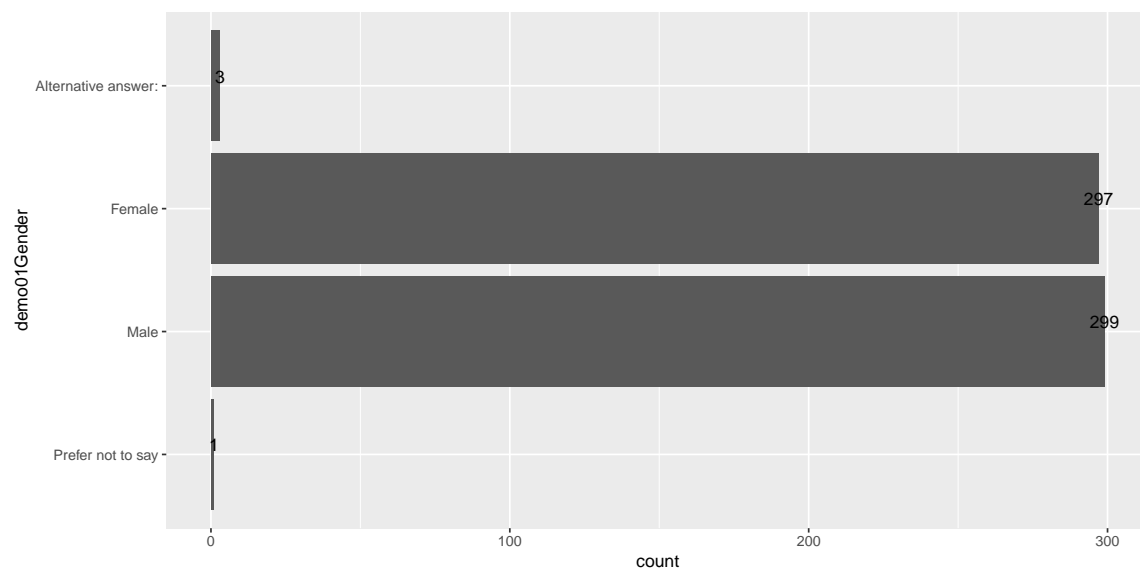


Figure VM2-1

Gender distribution

VM2-2.1.2 Age

```
summary(df$demo01Age)
```

```
##      Min. 1st Qu.  Median    Mean 3rd Qu.    Max.
##  18.00  23.00   29.00  32.65  39.00   75.00
```

```
df %>%
  ggplot(aes(demo01Age)) +
  geom_histogram(aes(y = ..count..), color="#000044",
                 fill="white",bins=40)
```

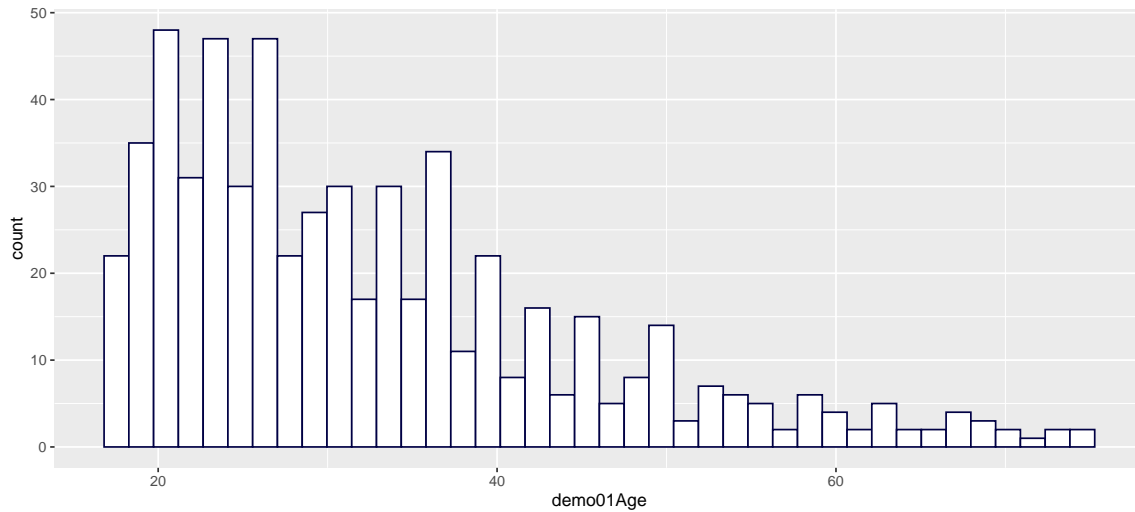


Figure VM2-2

Age distribution

VM2-2.1.3 Education

```
ggplot(df, aes(x=demo02Education))+
  geom_bar(aes(y = ..count..), stat="count")+
  geom_text(aes( label = (..count..),
                 y= ..count.. ), stat= "count", vjust = -0.25)
```

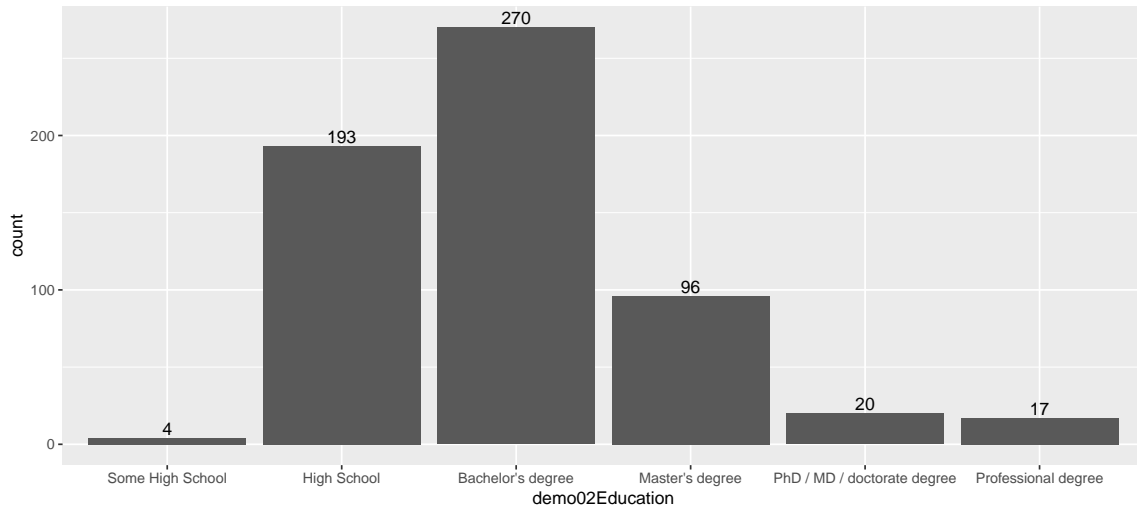


Figure VM2-3

Highest degree or level of education you have completed

VM2-2.1.4 Household income (2019)

```
ggplot(df, aes(x=demo03Income))+
  geom_bar(aes(y = ..count..), stat="count")+
  geom_text(aes( label = (..count..),
                y= ..count.. ), stat= "count", vjust = -0.25)
```

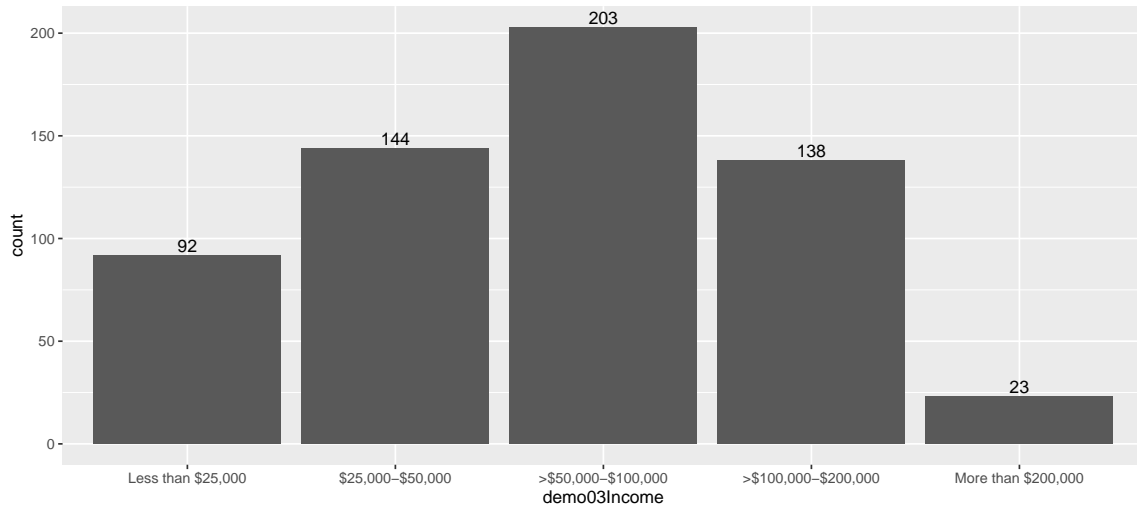


Figure VM2-4

What was your annual household income in 2019?

VM2-2.1.5 Employment status

```
ggplot(df, aes(x=demo04Employment))+
  geom_bar(aes(y = ..count..), stat="count")+
  geom_text(aes( label = (..count..),
                y= ..count.. ), stat= "count", vjust = -0.25)
```

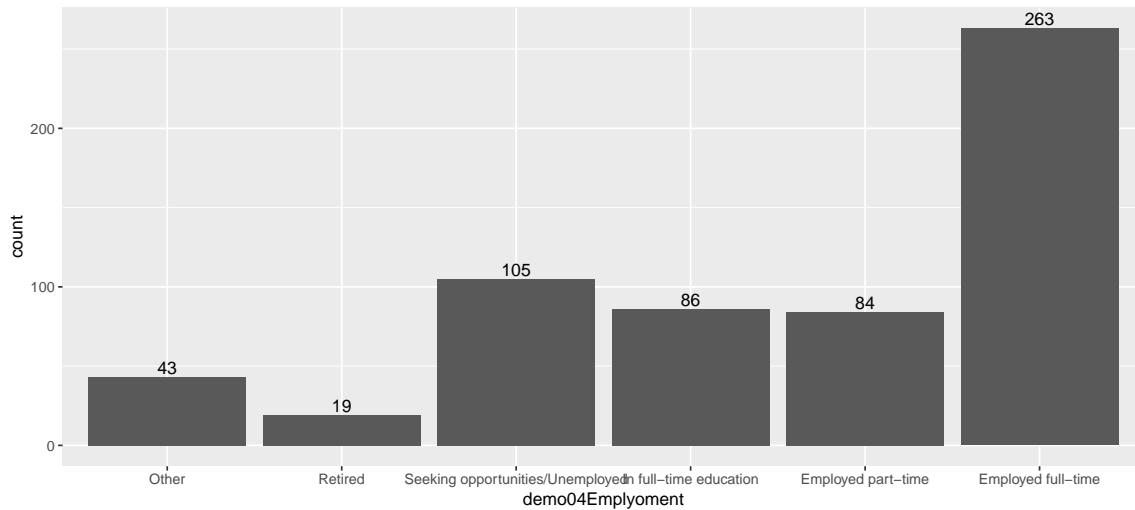


Figure VM2-5

What is your current employment status?

VM2-2.2 MTurk

VM2-2.2.1 MTurk participant

```
ggplot(df, aes(x=First01MTurk))+
  geom_bar(aes(y = ..count..), stat="count")+
  geom_text(aes( label = (..count..),
                y= ..count.. ), stat= "count", vjust = -0.25)+
  coord_flip()
```



```
rug=FALSE,cex.cor=1,wt=NULL, stars=TRUE,  
ci=TRUE,alpha=.05)
```

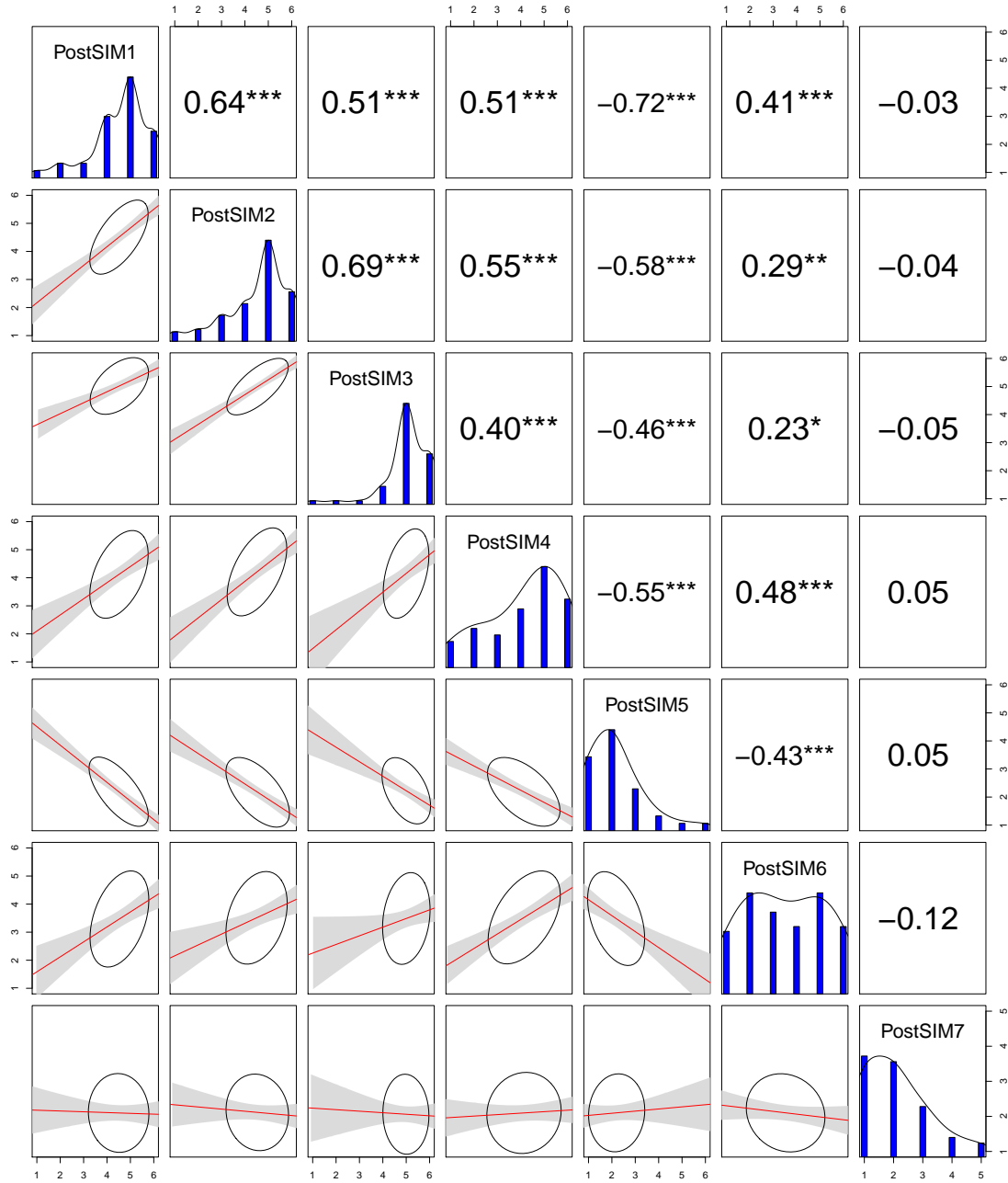



Figure VM2-15
Post-questionnaire items Simulator


```
## 1st Qu.:2.00  
## Median :2.00  
## Mean :2.63  
## 3rd Qu.:3.25  
## Max. :6.00  
## NA's :500
```

```
pairs.panels(FramePostVL, smooth = TRUE, scale = FALSE, digits = 2,  
method="pearson",pch = 20, lm=TRUE,cor=TRUE,jiggle=TRUE,  
factor=2,breaks=40,hist.col="blue",show.points=FALSE,  
rug=FALSE,cex.cor=1,wt=NULL, stars=TRUE,  
ci=TRUE,alpha=.05)
```



```
## 1st Qu.:1.00  
## Median :2.00  
## Mean :2.35  
## 3rd Qu.:3.00  
## Max. :6.00  
## NA's :500
```

```
pairs.panels(FramePostIN, smooth = TRUE, scale = FALSE, digits = 2,  
method="pearson",pch = 20, lm=TRUE,cor=TRUE,jiggle=TRUE,  
factor=2,breaks=40,hist.col="blue",show.points=FALSE,  
rug=FALSE,cex.cor=1,wt=NULL, stars=TRUE,  
ci=TRUE,alpha=.05)
```

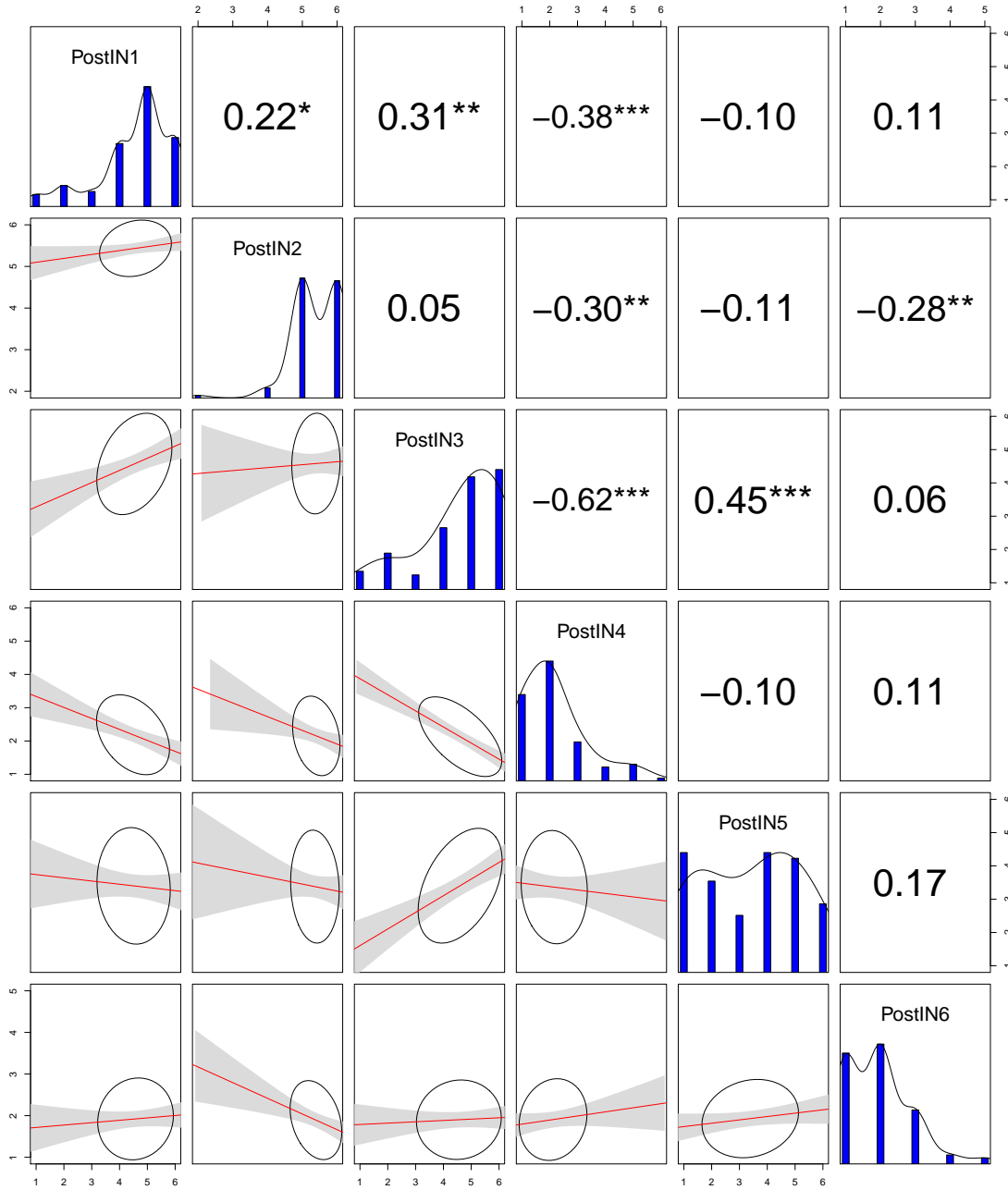


Figure VM2-18
Post-questionnaire items Injunctive Norms


```
rug=FALSE, cex.cor=1, wt=NULL, stars=TRUE,
ci=TRUE, alpha=.05)
```

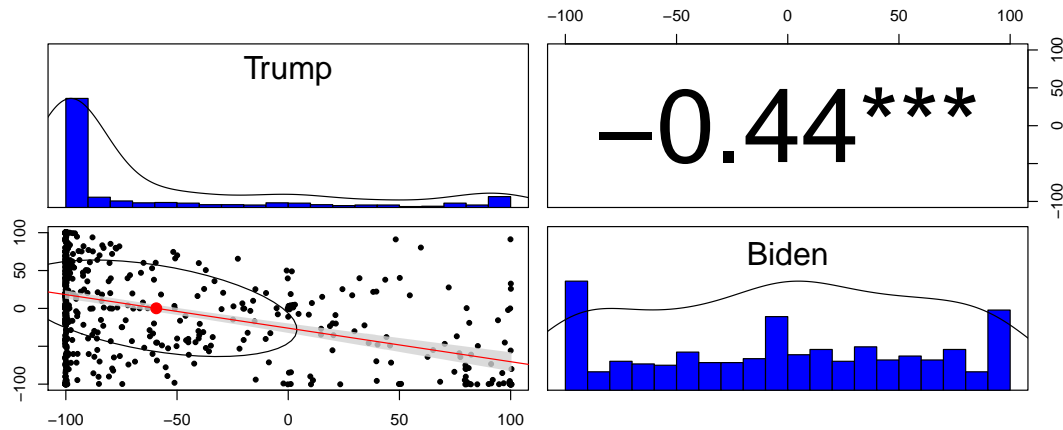


Figure VM2-23

Please rate each candidate individually according to how you would feel if they were elected in 2020

Responses.

VM2-2.5.3 Political position

"Slightly conservative" was erroneously mapped to the highest integer in Qualtrics. The following command corrects the ordering.

```
df$polPosition=fct_relevel(df$polPosition,
"slightly\nconser-\nvative", after = 4)
```

```
ggplot(df, aes(x=polPosition))+
geom_bar(aes(y = ..count..), stat="count")+
  geom_text(aes( label = (..count..),
                y= ..count.. ), stat= "count", vjust = -0.25)
```



```
## Min.      :0.0000   Min.      : 0.000   Min.      :0.000   Min.      : 0.0000
## 1st Qu.:0.0000   1st Qu.: 0.000   1st Qu.:0.000   1st Qu.: 0.0000
## Median :0.0000   Median : 0.000   Median :0.000   Median : 0.0000
## Mean    :0.1833   Mean     : 0.265   Mean     :0.235   Mean     : 0.2783
## 3rd Qu.:0.0000   3rd Qu.: 0.000   3rd Qu.:0.000   3rd Qu.: 0.0000
## Max.    :8.0000   Max.     :10.000   Max.     :8.000   Max.     :10.0000

scaleComprehensionTG=scoreItems(keys=c(1,1,1,1,1,1,
                                       1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1),
                                 items=comprehensionTGframe,totals=TRUE)

## Number of categories should be increased in order to count frequencies.
print(scaleComprehensionTG)

## Call: scoreItems(keys = c(1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1,
##   1, 1), items = comprehensionTGframe, totals = TRUE)
##
## (Unstandardized) Alpha:
##      Scale1
## alpha    0.58
##
## Standard errors of unstandardized Alpha:
##      Scale1
## ASE      0.028
##
## Average item correlation:
##      Scale1
## average.r 0.08
##
## Median item correlation:
## Scale1
## 0.069
##
## Guttman 6* reliability:
##      Scale1
## Lambda.6  0.63
##
## Signal/Noise based upon av.r :
##      Scale1
## Signal/Noise  1.4
##
## Scale intercorrelations corrected for attenuation
## raw correlations below the diagonal, alpha on the diagonal
## corrected correlations above the diagonal:
##      Scale1
```



```
sdf=data.frame(scale_mean=t(summarise_all(scaleFrame,mean)),
               key=names(scaleFrame))

scaleFrame %>%
  keep(is.numeric) %>%
  gather() %>%
  ggplot(aes(value)) +
  facet_wrap(~ key, ncol=4) +
  geom_histogram(aes(y = ..count..), color="#000044",
                fill="white",bins=5) +
  geom_vline(aes(xintercept =scale_mean),sdf,col='red',
            linetype = "dashed",size=1)
```

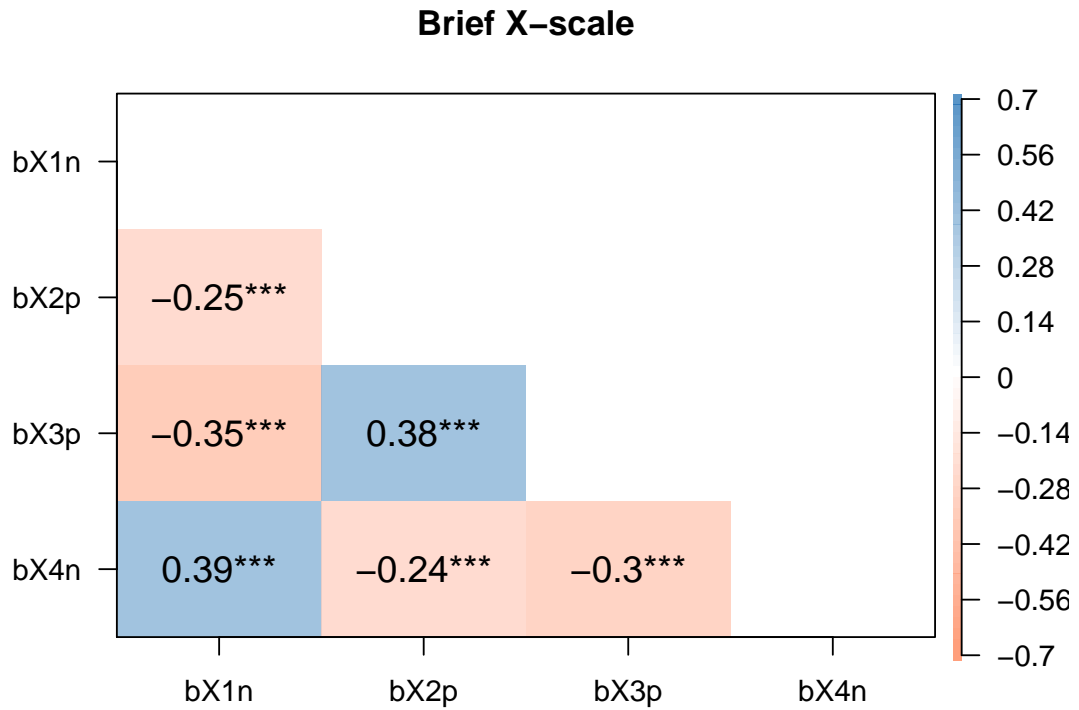



Figure VM2-34

Brief X-scale: item inter-correlations

```
corPlot(scaleFrameBA, numbers=TRUE, diag=FALSE,
main="Brief A-scale", stars=TRUE, upper=FALSE,
cuts=c(.001, .01, .05), gr=palette2, cex=1.25,
zlim=c(-0.7, 0.7))
```

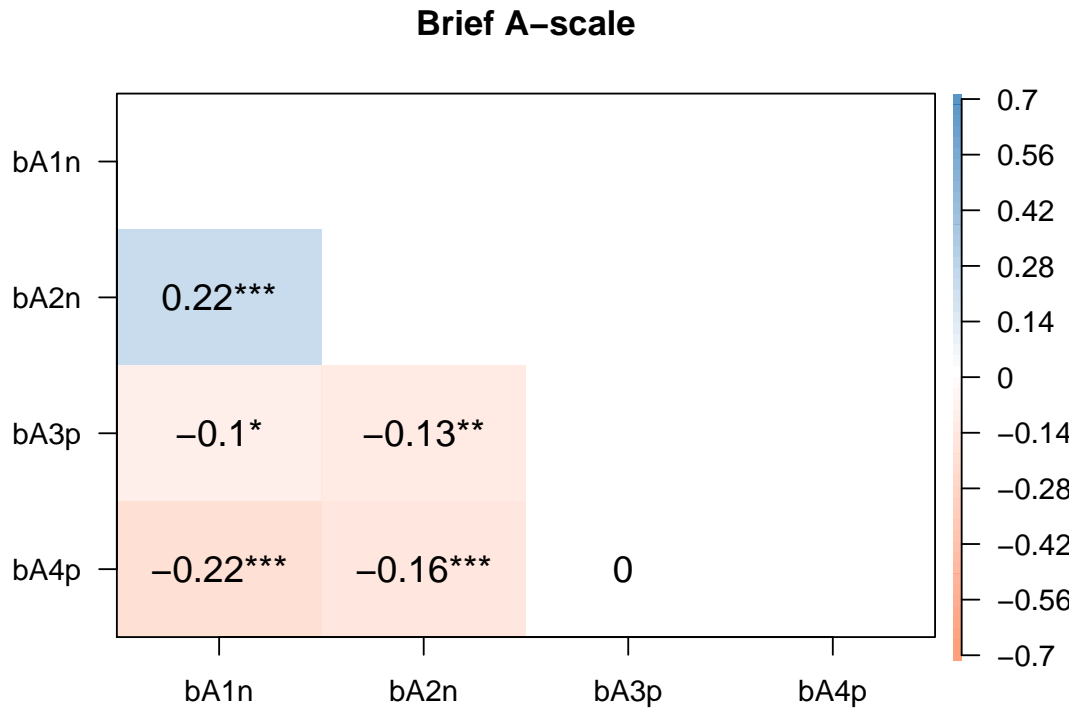


Figure VM2-35
Brief A-scale: item inter-correlations

```
corPlot(scaleFrameBC,numbers=TRUE,diag=FALSE,
main="Brief C-scale",stars=TRUE,upper=FALSE,
cuts=c(.001,.01,.05),gr=palette2,cex=1.25,
zlim=c(-0.7,0.7))
```



```

select=-c(CRT01num,CRT02num,CRT03num,CRT04num))

scaleFrameCRT$CRT01int <- recode(scaleFrameCRT$CRT01cat,
  "intuitive"=1, .default=0)
scaleFrameCRT$CRT02int <- recode(scaleFrameCRT$CRT02cat,
  "intuitive"=1, .default=0)
scaleFrameCRT$CRT03int <- recode(scaleFrameCRT$CRT03cat,
  "intuitive"=1, .default=0)
scaleFrameCRT$CRT04int <- recode(scaleFrameCRT$CRT04cat,
  "intuitive"=1, .default=0)

scaleFrameCRT$CRT01correct <- recode(scaleFrameCRT$CRT01cat,
  "correct"=1, .default=0)
scaleFrameCRT$CRT02correct <- recode(scaleFrameCRT$CRT02cat,
  "correct"=1, .default=0)
scaleFrameCRT$CRT03correct <- recode(scaleFrameCRT$CRT03cat,
  "correct"=1, .default=0)
scaleFrameCRT$CRT04correct <- recode(scaleFrameCRT$CRT04cat,
  "correct"=1, .default=0)

scaleFrameCRT = subset(scaleFrameCRT,
  select=-c(CRT01cat,CRT02cat,CRT03cat,CRT04cat))

weightsCRT <-list(CRTscore=c("CRT01correct",
  "CRT02correct","CRT03correct","CRT04correct"),
  CRTintuitive=c("CRT01int",
  "CRT02int","CRT03int","CRT04int"))

```

VM2-3.2.4 Item pie charts

```

scaleFrameCRT %>%
  keep(is.numeric) %>%
  gather() %>%
  ggplot(aes(x=0,y=value)) +
  facet_wrap(~ key, ncol=2) +
  geom_bar(stat="identity",width=2,color='blue') +
  coord_polar(theta='y')+
  theme(axis.ticks=element_blank(), axis.title=element_blank(),
  axis.text.y = element_blank(),
  panel.grid = element_blank(),
  axis.text.x = element_text(size=10,hjust=0))+
  scale_y_continuous(limits=c(0,600))

```

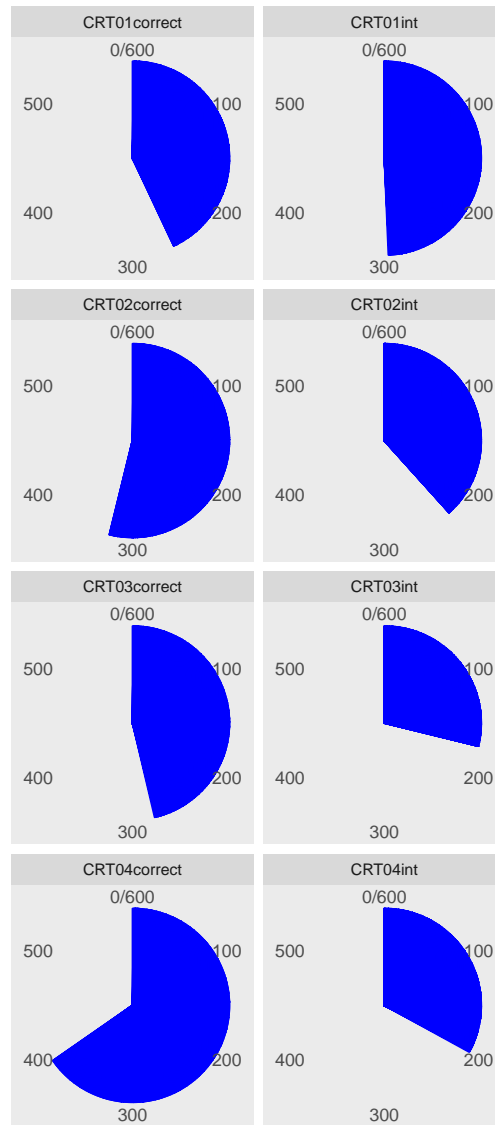


Figure VM2-39

CRT: pie charts of numbers of correct and intuitive answers

VM2-3.2.5 Inter-correlations

```
corPlot(scaleFrameCRT,numbers=TRUE,diag=FALSE,  
main="CRT (correct and intuitive)",stars=TRUE,upper=FALSE,  
cuts=c(.001,.01,.05),gr=palette2,  
zlim=c(-0.95,0.95))
```

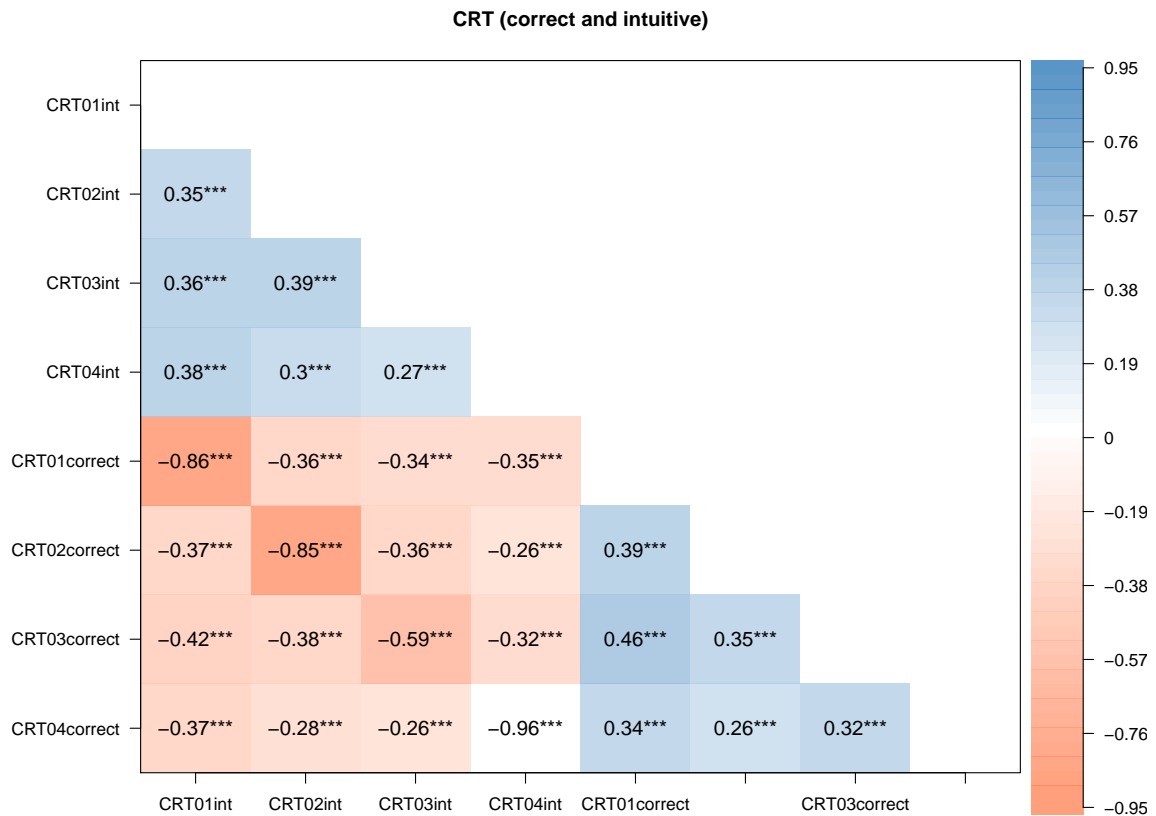


Figure VM2-40
CRT items (scored as correct, intuitive or neither): Inter-correlations

VM2-3.2.6 Scale statistics (for subscales)

```

scaleCRT=scoreItems(keys=weightsCRT, items =scaleFrameCRT,totals=TRUE)

print(scaleCRT)

## Call: scoreItems(keys = weightsCRT, items = scaleFrameCRT, totals = TRUE)
##
## (Unstandardized) Alpha:
##      CRTscore CRTintuitive
## alpha    0.69      0.67
##
## Standard errors of unstandardized Alpha:
##      CRTscore CRTintuitive
## ASE      0.036      0.036
    
```

```

##
## Average item correlation:
##           CRTscore CRTintuitive
## average.r    0.35      0.34
##
## Median item correlation:
##           CRTscore CRTintuitive
##           0.35      0.36
##
## Guttman 6* reliability:
##           CRTscore CRTintuitive
## Lambda.6    0.86      0.86
##
## Signal/Noise based upon av.r :
##           CRTscore CRTintuitive
## Signal/Noise  2.2      2.1
##
## Scale intercorrelations corrected for attenuation
## raw correlations below the diagonal, alpha on the diagonal
## corrected correlations above the diagonal:
##           CRTscore CRTintuitive
## CRTscore      0.69      -1.33
## CRTintuitive  -0.90      0.67
##
## In order to see the item by scale loadings and frequency counts of the data
## print with the short option = FALSE

scoresCRT<-data.frame(scaleCRT$scores)
summary(scoresCRT)

##           CRTscore      CRTintuitive
## Min.      :0.000   Min.      :0.000
## 1st Qu.:1.000   1st Qu.:0.000
## Median :2.000   Median :1.000
## Mean    :2.085   Mean    :1.495
## 3rd Qu.:3.000   3rd Qu.:3.000
## Max.    :4.000   Max.    :4.000

cor(scoresCRT)

##           CRTscore CRTintuitive
## CRTscore      1.0000000  -0.9016679
## CRTintuitive -0.9016679   1.0000000

head(scoresCRT)

```

##	CRTscore	CRTintuitive
## 1	4	0
## 2	3	1
## 3	1	2
## 4	3	1
## 5	0	2
## 6	1	3

```

pairs.panels(scoresCRT, smooth = TRUE, scale = FALSE, digits = 2,
method="pearson",pch = 20, lm=TRUE,cor=TRUE,jiggle=TRUE,
factor=1,hist.col="cyan",show.points=TRUE,rug=FALSE,cex.cor=1,
wt=NULL,stars=TRUE,ci=FALSE,alpha=.05)
    
```

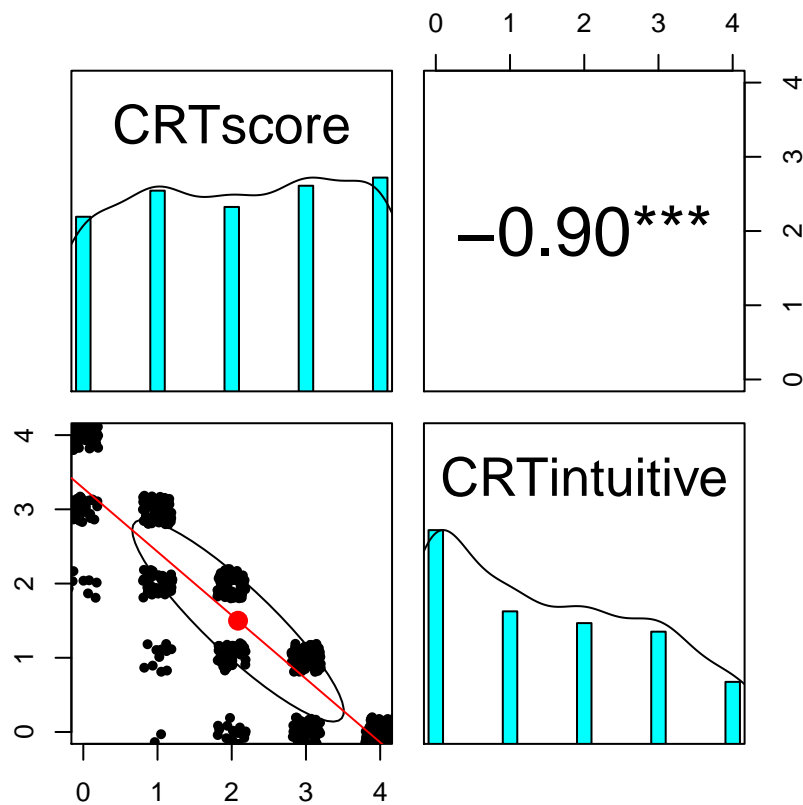


Figure VM2-41

CRT scores: Distribution and inter-correlation of subscale values

Only the CRTscore variable² is used for further analysis. Both measures are (as expected) highly correlated, as most incorrect answers are "intuitive" answers.

VM2-3.3 Psychological reactance scale

VM2-3.3.1 Source

We used a refined, 11-item version of the Hong psychological reactance scale Hong and Faedda, 1996. Items were answered on a five-point scale from 1–5: strongly disagree (1) —(2) — neither agree nor disagree (3) —(4)—strongly agree (5)

VM2-3.3.2 Items

- **PR01:** Regulations trigger a sense of resistance in me.
- **PR02:** I find contradicting others stimulating.
- **PR03:** When something is prohibited, I usually think "that's exactly what I am going to do."
- **PR04:** I consider advice from others to be an intrusion.
- **PR05:** I become frustrated when I am unable to make free and independent decisions.
- **PR06:** It irritates me when someone points out things which are obvious to me.
- **PR07:** I become angry when my freedom of choice is restricted.
- **PR08:** Advice and recommendations induce me to do just the opposite.
- **PR09:** I resist the attempts of others to influence me.
- **PR10:** It makes me angry when another person is held up as a model for me to follow.
- **PR11:** When someone forces me to do something, I feel like doing the opposite.

VM2-3.3.3 Item histograms

```
scaleReactanceVars <- c("PsyReact_01", "PsyReact_02", "PsyReact_03",
"PsyReact_04", "PsyReact_05", "PsyReact_06", "PsyReact_07",
"PsyReact_08", "PsyReact_09", "PsyReact_10", "PsyReact_11")

scaleReactanceFrame <- df[scaleReactanceVars]

scaleReactanceFrame <- scaleReactanceFrame %>%
  rename(
    PR01=PsyReact_01,
```

²As in Woike (2019) and in Study 1 the average CRT score is higher than in previous samples with traditional participants.

```

PR02=PsyReact_02,
PR03=PsyReact_03,
PR04=PsyReact_04,
PR05=PsyReact_05,
PR06=PsyReact_06,
PR07=PsyReact_07,
PR08=PsyReact_08,
PR09=PsyReact_09,
PR10=PsyReact_10,
PR11=PsyReact_11
)

scaleReactanceFrame[] <-data.matrix(scaleReactanceFrame)

head(scaleReactanceFrame)

##   PR01 PR02 PR03 PR04 PR05 PR06 PR07 PR08 PR09 PR10 PR11
## 1    2    2    1    2    4    4    2    1    4    2    2
## 2    4    2    4    3    5    5    4    3    3    4    3
## 3    3    3    3    3    3    3    3    3    3    3    3
## 4    2    1    1    2    4    5    2    1    2    3    1
## 5    2    2    2    2    2    2    3    3    3    3    3
## 6    3    3    2    2    4    3    3    2    3    2    2

scaleReactance_means =summarise_all(scaleReactanceFrame,mean)
scaleReactanceDF=data.frame(
  scale_mean=t(summarise_all(scaleReactanceFrame,mean)
  ),
  key=names(scaleReactanceFrame))

scaleReactanceFrame %>%
  keep(is.numeric) %>%
  gather() %>%
  ggplot(aes(value)) +
  facet_wrap(~ key, ncol=3) +
  geom_histogram(aes(y =..count..), color="#000044",
  fill="white",bins=5) +
  geom_vline(aes(xintercept =scale_mean),
  scaleReactanceDF,col='red', linetype = "dashed",size=1)

```

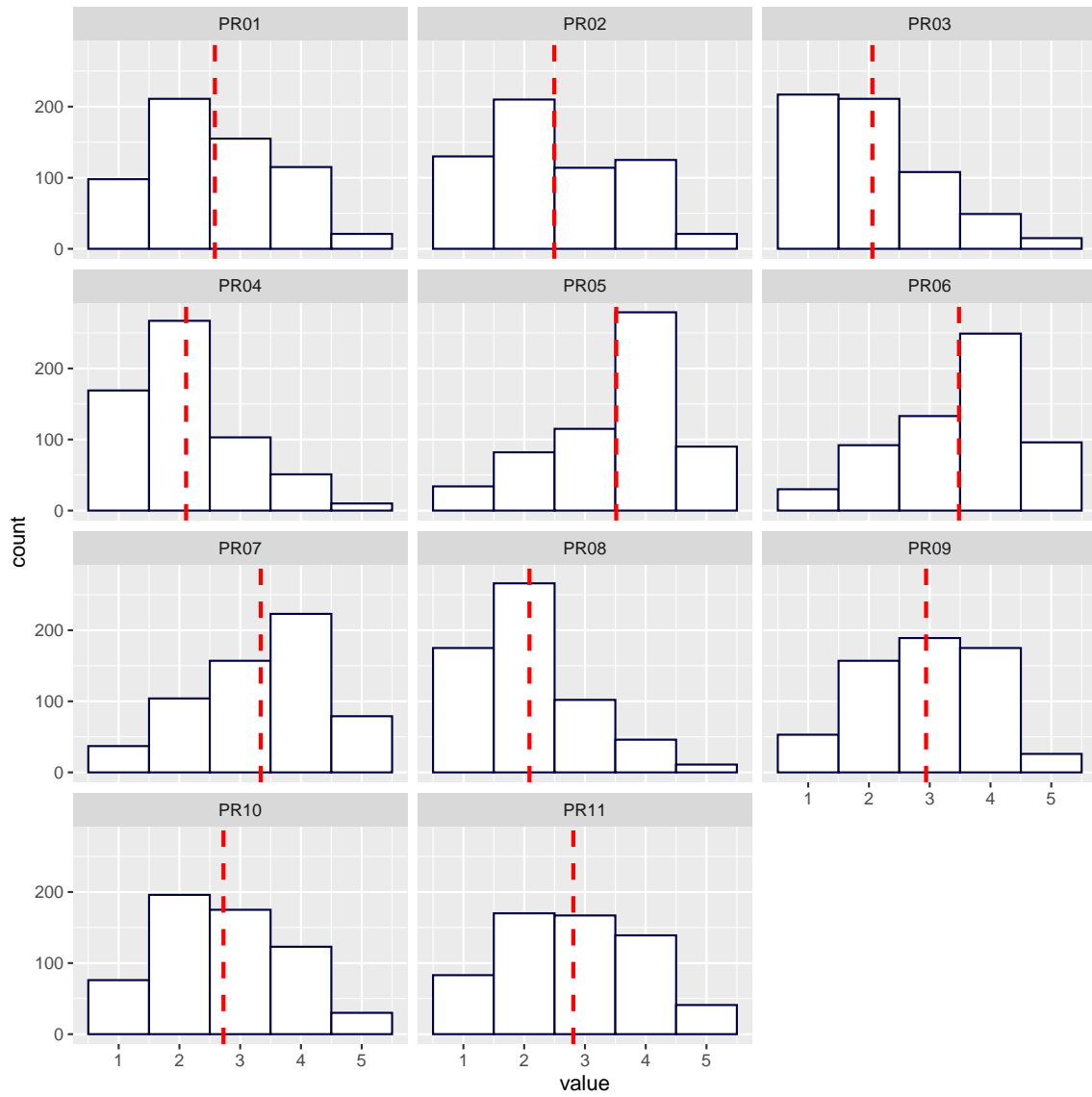


Figure VM2-42

Psychological reactance scale: Item histograms with marked means

